

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 8, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and narrative. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's initial review, has amended claims 1-6, which remain pending in the present application, and presents them again for reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

Regarding the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the Examiner states the claims are "generally narrative and indefinite" as they "appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors." The Examiner specifically notes several issues in claim 1 regarding a lack of a previously recited basis for terms. In response, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify and address the narrative, grammatical, idiomatic, and antecedent basis issues. These amendments clarify the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention, but do not narrow the scope of the claim. Additionally, the amendments are fully supported by the specification as no new matter has been added. Accordingly, the Applicant requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Regarding the dependent claims, the Applicant amended claim 3 to correct a typographical error regarding the dependency of the claim, and amended claims 2-6 to conform and be consistent with the clarifying amendments made to claim 1 and avoid any further potential confusion. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests

withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 2-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

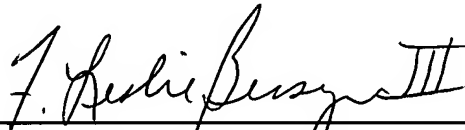
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